IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 on page 9 with the following paragraph:

The sender receives the acknowledgement of 438 and thus, at 440, the sender window 410 is able to remove (*e.g.,* physically, logically) packets 1 through 4 and accept additional packets 6 through 9 from a higher protocol level. Therefore, at 440, the sender window 410 buffers packets 5 through 9. At 444, the sender transmits the packets 5 through 9 to the receiver. Assume that packets 5, 6, and 9 are received correctly at the receiver but that packets 7 and 8 are lost during transmission. Thus, at 446, the receiver window 420 releases packets 5, 6, and buffers packet 9 and is expecting packets 7 and 8 and 10 and 11. The receiver can, therefore, send packets 5 and 6 in order to a higher protocol stack layer and can generate an acknowledgement (*e.g.,* ACK6) indicating that packets through packet 6 have been received in order. The receiver window 420 sends the packets 5 and 6 to the higher protocol stack layer and thus advances [[it]] its window so that is now expecting packets 7, 8, 10 and 11. The receive format would then have the following format: [x, x, 9, x, x].

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